

*Rockland Council on Aging*  
*317 Plain St Rockland, Ma.*  
*Secretaries Report*  
*Wednesday October 8, 2014*

Acting Chairperson Audrey Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:30.

**Roll Call:** Audrey Ryan, Lorraine Ahern, Peter Stonis, Jean Callahan Chris Kelly and alternate John Rogers. Excused: Lu Crowley, Eleanor Cole, Cynda Childs, and Jack Conway). Absent: Patti Penny and Beverly Ladner

**Old Colony Elder Services:** Agnes Smith was attending another meeting but submitted the follow information in her report. The new budget was released on June 29, 2014 and included \$1.1 million dollars in new funding for COA including \$115,000 in special earmarks. \$750,000 was included for Meals on Wheels as well as additional funding for Protective Services and the Shine Program.

**Old Colony Planning Council:** Rita Howes reported extensively on “Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline – it is a referral service designed to connect people in need with a variety of food resources in their local community.” The multilingual staff can assist callers in over 160 languages. Project Bread is designed to assist Programs in the Community – callers do not receive money directly from Project Bread. The Hotline Number is 1-800-645-8333. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday 8 A.M. to 7:00 P.M and Saturday 10 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes from previous meeting / Secretaries Report:** A motion was made by John Rogers to accept the report as read, seconded by Peter Stonis and the vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** A motion was made by John Rogers to accept the report as read, seconded by Lorraine Ahern; the vote was unanimous. Current balance: \$48,758.38.

**Warrant Report:** The Bill Warrant was duly signed. Motion by Lorraine Ahern and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Callahan to accept report.

**Outreach Report:** A motion was made by John Rogers to accept the report as presented and seconded by Peter Stonis; the vote was unanimous. It is noted that the senior center has seen a doubling of attendance since the new center opened. The patrons are very grateful for the informative table notes that Eleanor puts on the tables with new updates. OCES started a series of seminars on Nutrition & Healthy living at the senior center.

On Wednesday October 22, 2014 @ 1:00 P.M. Hahn Health Care will be discussing “Brain Games” at the center. Fuel assistance applications are now being accepted – please call the

center for an appointment. Doctor Chan is scheduling appointment for podiatry and John Klefeker, our hearing specialist is also scheduling appointments. Call the center for information and availability of dates.

**Director's Report:** The motion was made by Lorraine Ahern to accept the report as presented, seconded by Peter Stonis.

- Director Peggy reports that a Full Time custodian has been approved for the Senior Center and is now working 35 hours weekly.
- The director reported that the donation account needs additional monies to allow the fund to sustain and grow. The Men's Club of Rockland donated \$637.00 to the fund from their annual golf tourney.

Discussion – there was a motion made by Lorraine Ahern to change the “Quorum” for the COA to 6 members. The motioned was tabled.

Next meeting November 12, 2014 @ 9:30 AM

As there was no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Chris Kelly and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Callahan to adjourn at 10:00 AM, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Ahern  
Secretary COA  
October 8, 2014